

SEVERALL
PETITIONS
Presented to His
EXCELLENCY
THE
Lord Fairfax.

BY THE
Lieut. Generals
Col. Harrisons
Coll. Prides
Coll. Deanes. } Regiment.

TOGETHER WITH
Lieut. Gen. Cromwels
LETTER
To his Excellency concerning the same.

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For His Excellency the Lord General FAIRFAX.

My Lord,

I find a very great sence in the affairs of the Regiments of the sufferings and the ruine of this poor Kingdom, and in them all a very great zeal to have impartial Justice done upon Offenders; and I must confess I do in all, from my heart, concur with them; and I verily think, and am perswaded, they are things which God puts into our hearts: I shall not need to offer any thing to your Excellency, I know God teaches you, and that he hath manifested his presence so with you, as that you will give glory to him in the eyes of all the World. I held it my duty, having received these Petitions and Letters, and being desired by the Framers thereof, to present them to you; the good Lord let his will upon your heart, enabling you to do it; the presence of Almighty God shall go along with you: This prays,

My Lord,

Knottingsley Nov. 20. 1648.

Your most humble and faithful Servant.

O. Cromwel.

For the Honorable Lieutenant General Cromwel.

Honorable Sir,

Since the Lord hath done such great things for us in the former (but more especially in the latter) towards the long wished and expected settlement of this poor Kingdom, and that as yet we cannot discern (by our best Observations) that good and blessed effect to give us any probable hopes of future quietness, or promising security to those that fear the Lord, against their malicious and restless enemies.

We are bold (in discharge of our duties, and upon very serious considerations) to beseech your favorable assistance and approbation in presenting the inclosed, ours and our Soldiers just, most necessary, and (as we hope) modest desires, to his Excellency our much honored General, upon whom, together with your self, and those under your Conducts, (as we humbly conceive) are contracted the eyes of the well-affected and godly of the Land, as principally under God their Deliverers and Saviors from Tyranny and Slavery; and unto whom, as most proper instruments, we addresse our selves to appear in the Armies behalf for settlement and security thereof; The justness, equity and necessity of all which particulars, as they are pressing arguments upon our hearts to this, so we hope they will be set home upon yours to do further here.

in as God shall direct, who (we are persuaded) will yet further appear for his
peoples salutations: And we trust the Lord will so guide us in our Stations
(in prosecution of them) as that we shall not act any thing rashly, irregularly,
or unbecoming us, as Christians or Soldiers, but in sobriety and modesty of
spirit submit to his dispensation in doing or suffering if the Lord bring us to
either, so as it shall be obvious we seek neither our own interest nor particu-
lar parties, but the well-being of the whole Kingdom, which indeed is very
dear to us, and for which (as a testimony) the further hazards of our blood
and labors is not dear to

Your most humble and faithful Servants &c.

To His Excellency THOMAS Lord FAIRFAX, &c.

The Humble Petition of the Officers and Souldiers in the Regiment of
Lieutenant General Cromwell.

Humbly sheweth,

That in discharge of our duty to the Kingdom our publique engagements
for its redemption and private obligations of addressing to your self for
the regular accomplishment of a speedy settlement, we presume, and in con-
fidence of your Excellencies favorable construction of this attempt to pro-
fitate our present thoughts and desires to your serious considerations, our ex-
actest and most impartial observations, dictate to us the designed ruin of us,
and the faithful in the Kingdoms, which though covered with fair and speci-
ous overtures, yet with sadness and sorrow we are affected with beholding
thereof; but rejoyce in this, that the Lord hath stirred up many well affected,
especially the large Petitioners, to appear for Justice in a Petitionary way to the
Parliament, and of several Regiments unto your Excellency: We cannot be ig-
norant of the hindring and obstructing of impartial Justice, by the powerful
influence of pretended friends, which speak audibly, a negligent remissness to
our liberty, and a covert Resolution to comply with what may add to our
yoke: therefore we are prest in spirit humbly to beseech a Contribution of
your Excellencies Power and Interest for obtaining these our ensuing Requests.

1. That some speedy and effectual course may be taken for the discovery,
trial, and due punishment of all English, Welch, and Scottish Enemies, especi-
ally those that are principally guilty of all the bloods and treasures that hath
bin spent in the Kingdoms, and particularly all those that have abetted, con-
trived and countenanced the late Rebellions, that impartial Justice may be
done upon them according to the many Petitions to that purpose, especially that
large Petition of Sept. 11. 1648. without which we cannot expect an happy
issue of all our hazards and labors.

2. That the former Declarations and Concessions of the Army there-
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with of no further address to the King, may not be unworthily deserted, without being acquitted or convicted of the charges therein contained.

3. That the Kingdom may be forthwith postured and settled in the way of a safe and lasting Peace, for the preservation of honest men, and discountenancing of our Enemies.

And because nature it self prompts us to an honest self-provision, no way repugnant to the foresaid ends, we further beg your Excellencies favor;

1. To that and free quarter may be presently taken off, and provision be made for our constant pay, whilst we be continued, and that Counties may be assigned to every respective Regiment to that purpose.

2. That our Arrears, since the 15. of January last past, be paid up before we pay our quarters, and the accounts of all former Arrears be so perfected, and put into a present way, that they may be obtained.

3. That in the deductions for free quarter (if any must be) in this last Summers service it be considered where we have bin, and the hardships we met withall therein.

4. That the Horse quarters be not confined solely to market Towns; it having bin experienced how many inconveniences did thence accrew, as to our selves, so unto travellers, and the inhabitants.

5. That in our future pay effectual care be taken to supply us with current, and not clipt money; the Country, and our selves, suffering abundance of damage, (and as we suppose) our Enemies designing thereby to divide us.

6. That effectual course may be taken to supply the Regiments of Horse, with recruit horses, many having lost their own horses in prosecution of the late Service, and are altogether disabled to mount themselves out of their pay, which comes so slowly; it will not furnish them with other necessaries, and many having exhausted all they had, or could get from friends, to mount themselves.

These our Requests being so necessarily tendent to the Kingdoms and our own welfare, that if by improvement of your Excellencies wonted vigilancy they be promoted, (for which our fervent prayers are continued,) as we are confident shall leave your name a praise upon earth to posterity, and you will more closely engage honest men, and give a fresh occasion to your Petitioners to profess themselves.

Your Excellencies most faithful Servants.

For the Honorable Lieutenant General Cromwell.

Honored Sir,

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E E presume your Honour will not account it strange (which our Consciences tell us is our duty) that after so many wonderfull, and glorious appearances of the Lord with us, in our unwearied paines, and labour, for the reducing

reducing this poor Kingdome out of its miserable thralldome, we should yett
 further evidence, our fervent desires, of a vigorous prosecution of so good a
 work, in our addresses unto those, from whom, as we humbly conceive, we
 may justly expect the same. We do therefore earnestly beseech your honors
 free approbation, and best assistance, for the greater furtherance of these our
 requests, that (if the Lord so will) we may not see all ours, and the King-
 doms endeavours, under so great pangs, and travails, to become fruitlesse. It
 greatly afflicts us, that after so many strong attempts, and horrid Rebelli-
 ons utterly to vassalize not onely us, but all the Kingdoms faithful Friends,
 those wicked Incendiaries, should through the corruptness of our Judges,
 not onely hitherto (but as we have great cause to fear, without redress some
 other way,) will still escape the hand of Justice, whose lives we beleewe
 the Lord requires to appease his Wrath. We cannot be unmindful, of that
 hard measure, we are like to receive from the Parliament; notwithstanding
 all those extremities, and great hardships, which we have willingly under-
 gone to preserve Theirs, and the Kingdoms Interests, not onely in so long
 withholding our subsistence from us, but now at the last, in their making
 so large deductions out of it, upon pretence of our Free-quarter; the which
 being rightly understood, will appear scarce worth the naming, especially if
 our extraordinary losses of Horses, with the meanness of our Fate, be there-
 withal considered. Thus craving your Honors favorable construction of
 these our Proceedings, being acted forth from our Zeal to *Englands* Happi-
 ness, continually imploring the blessing of the Almighty upon all your Ho-
 nors worthy undertakings for that end; we shall ever remain,

Your Honors faithful and humble Servants,
Wakefield the 7. of November 1648. The Officers and Souldiers of
Col. Harrisons Regiment.

The Humble Petition of the Officers and Souldiers of Colonel *Harrison* Regiment.

May it please your Excellency,

IN Conscience to the Kingdom and Your Excellency, our publique Engage-
 ment for its Redemption and private Obligation of addressing to your self
 for the regular accomplishment of that end; We presume (in confidence of
 your Excellencies favorable construction of this attempt) to prostrate our pre-
 sent dissatisfactions to your serious thoughts. Our exactest and most impartial
 Observations dictate to us a Resurrection (if twere ever buried) of the old
 design to continue *Englands* Slavery; which though we acknowledg. to be
 covered, yet we conclude with two thin a vail for being concealed from an
 ordinary piercing eye. We are not unacquainted with the proceedings of ma-
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ny Commoners in a Petitionary way unto the Parliament, or of several Regiments unto your Excellency in the like course; though not yet sensible what satisfactory answer hath been received of either. Nor can we be ignorant that the carriage of the Houses in their Treating-Overtures with the King, and obstructing Demurs of impartial Justice-execution upon most notorious Delinquents, speaks audibly a negligent Remissness as to our Liberty, if not a covert Resolution to comply with what may add to our Yoke. Hence, acted from better principles, (not forgetting our publike Protests and Engagements) we take the boldness humbly to beseech a Contribution of Your Excellencies interest to our ensuing requests.

1. That some speedy and effectual course may be taken for the tryal and just punishment of all English, Welch and Scotch convicted enemies; and that neither birth, or place, may exempt any from the hand of Justice: Without which, as the wrath of God will not be appeased, so neither can we expect a happy issue of all our labors.
2. That the Parliaments former Declaration of No farther Addresses to the King may not be unworthily deserted, but He speedily clemen acquitted or convicted of the Charge therein contained.
3. That all Fomentors and Abettors of the late Rebellion, Whether in Parliament, City, or Kingdom, may be discovered, and condignly punished.
4. That the Concurrences to a safe and lasting may be dispatched according to the many Petitions to that purpose, especially the late large Petition.

And because even Nature it self prompts us to a Self-provision, no way repugnant to the aforefaid ends, we further implore your Excellencies favor.

1. That provision be made for our constant pay whilest we must be continued as an Army, and the Counties payable to the respective Regiments therein assign'd to quarter.
2. That Arrears, since Jun 15. be paid us before we pay our Quarters; and the accompts of all former Arrears so perfected, that a certain and speedy way be offered for obtainment of the same.
3. That with the deductions for free-quarter in the late service (if any must be) it be considered, where we have been, and the hardship of our Service.
4. That the Horse-quarters be not confined solely to the Market-towns, it having been experienced how many inconveniences did thence accrue, as to our selves, so unto travellers, and the inhabitants.

These our Requests (being so necessarily tending to the Kingdoms welfare, that (to our best understanding) there is not another way visible for its recovery)

recovery) if by improvement of your Excellencies wanted vigilancy they be promoted, (for which our fervent prayers are continued) as we are confident shall have your name a praise on the earth unto posterity: so you may be assured your very appearance for that end will more closely engage the honest hearts in England for you, and give a fresh occasion to your Petitioners to profess themselves against all opposers in prosecution of them, even to death.

Your Excellencies most faithful Servants, &c.

To the Right Honorable His Excellency the Lord Fairfax, Commander in Chief of all Forces raised or to be raised by the Parliament.

The Humble Petition of the Officers and Souldiers of Col. Prides, and Col. Deans Regiments.

Sheweth,

THAT your Petitioners looking back, and taking a serious view of those many mercies and great deliverances which God hath bestowed upon this poor Nation, in making your Excellency, with those under your command, Instruments of its deliverance, by being twice victorious over those numerous bodies, that were convened in several places of this Kingdom to the utter ruin and destruction thereof, had not God by his mighty power prevented it: And now after all this our unwearied pains, and great hazard of our lives, we hoped to have reaped some Freedom to our selves and the King, but instead thereof (if not timely prevented) we fear the same miseries, if not worse are like to return upon us again, by setting up the same usurping power, against which we have contested so long, and, as we conceive, hath bin the chief cause of all our misery, and hath cost this Kingdom so dear to subdue: And the people of this Kingdom being also very sensible of their neer approaching danger and misery thereby, as appears by those many Petitions presented from London, and several Counties: We also being ear witnesses of the peoples dayly and sad Complaints of the heavy Taxations that lye upon them, more especially, because they see the Kingdoms Treasure perverted to wrong uses, and the Souldier unsatisfied, for whom it is pretended to be raised; whereby a heavier burthen then these Taxes lye upon them, by reason of Free-quarter, which proves so great a discouragement to the Conscientious Souldiers, who have cheerfully undergone all other hardships.

Therefore our Humble Desires to your Excellency are, (That as God hath hitherto crowned you with faithfulness, and made you an Eminent Saviour to this poor intended ruined Nation) that you would yet continue (which we question not) to stand by us, and the just Desires of the Kingdom, both in presenting them to, and procuring them

them from the honorable House of Parliament, as followeth, viz.

1. That the Parliament be desired to take a review of their late Declarations and Charge against the King, as also to consider his own Act in taking the guilt of bloodshed upon himself, and accordingly to proceed against him as an Enemy to the Kingdom.
 2. That strict inquiry be made after the chief Fomentors, Actors and Abettors of this late War, especially those who were the chief Incouragers and Invitors in of the Scots Army, and that exemplary Justice may be accordingly executed to the terror of evil doers, and rejoycing of all honest men.
 3. That all those, through whose hands the publike treasure of the Kingdom hath run, may speedily be called to give up their Accompts, that thereby the Kingdom may be satisfied, how those vast sums of money that have bin raised therein are disposed of, and that so soon as the necessities of the Kingdom will permit, that may be eased of all unnecessary charge and burdens.
 4. That that which is so insufferable for us to take, and so intollerable for the people to bear, namely free quarter may be forthwith taken off, by sending some speedy supplies to the Army; and by appointing several Assignations to every Regiment of the standing Army; without which neither we, nor the people can have any assurance to be freed from that great burden.
 5. That all unnecessary officers of the Kingdom may be taken off, by which means great sums of money have needlessly been wasted, and that none of themoney, which shall hereafter be raised and collected, may be imbezeled or suffisticated; but as it comes to the Souldiers, so it may pass to the Country again.
 6. That no person whatsoever that hath bin active, either directly or indirectly, in this late War, shall be admitted to any place of trust, either Military or Civil in this Kingdom, who by that means may have opportunity to involve the Kingdom in new troubles, and all such persons who are so imployd may be discharged from such employment.
- These our desires we humbly offer, as being of absolute necessity to the present and future well-being of this Kingdom; and seeing God hath hitherto made you faithful in the trust reposed in you; and there being such an opportunity once more to appear for the publike Interest, you may be confident of the Providence of God, who delights in the way of Justice, Truth and Equity; and for our parts we are resolved, by Gods assistance, to stand by you, and all those that joyn with us, in our just desires.